political prisoners have been held without charge or trial under special or preventive detention law ; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The allegations are considered to be factually incorrect and baseless. Moreover, Amnesty International in its report have not furnished details about the alleged 25,000 political prisoners. Therefore, no further comments or details can be furnished.

Deployment of Army in Punjab

2161. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that army was deployed in various parts of Punjab during the last year to protect the local populace from militants ;

(b) if so, the number of officers and Jawans deployed in Punjab at that time ;

(c) whether it is a fact that armed forces have been withdrawn from many such places during the last few months ;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof, and the reasons therefor ;

(e) whether Government have made elaborate security arrangements at such places ; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) The army has been deployed in Punjab to assist the civil Administration in containing militancy in the State.

(b) It will not be in the National Security interest to reveal details of troops deployed in aid to Civil Admn. in Punjab.

(c) and (d) The army has not been withdrawn from Punjab and continues to provide assistance to civil Admn. as hithertofore. The deployment is in consonance with the assessed threat from the terrorists.

(e) and (f) Not applicable in the light of continued army involvement outlined above.

Custody deaths

2162. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been consistent rise in the number of deaths in police custody in various States and Union Territories over the years ;

(b) whether Government have taken cognisance of a recent order of the Calcutta High Court directing for the review of all cases of custodial deaths in the State of West Bengal since 1977 ;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ; and

(d) the steps contemplated, if any, stop custodial deaths in future in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB) : (a) 'Public Order' and 'Police', including 'Crime;' being State subjects, it is primarily for the State Governments to deal with cases of deatks in police custody. Information on this subject is not

separately complied and monitored by Central agencies.

(b) and (c) The Government of India is not aware of any order of the Calcutta High Court regarding custodial death in the State of West Bengal.

(d) The Government of India have issued guidelines to the State Governments from time to time ensure that police personnel behave in a humane manner, that alleged cases of police excesses are taken serious not of and dealt with firmly wherever they occur.

पाकिस्तान की ओर से घुसपैठ

2163. **श्री राम नरेश यादव :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पाकिस्तान सीमा से कश्मीर में घुसपैठ को रोकने हेतु क्या सुरक्षा उपाय किये गये हैं ;

(ख) क्या तीन वर्षों के दौरान घुसपैठियों की संख्या तथा शस्त्रों की बरामदगी की मात्रा में कमी आने का कोई संकेत मिला है ; और

(ग) पाकिस्तानी गुप्तचरों की बढ़ती हुई संख्या के फलस्वरूप उत्पन्न स्थिति से निपटने के लिये सरकार क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) से (ग) सुरक्षा बलों द्वारा सीमा पर कड़ी निगरानी रखना जारी है। सीमावर्ती क्षेत्रों में शाम से सुबह तक का कर्फ्यू लगाया जा रहा है। उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में इस वर्ष हुई घुसपैठ में पर्याप्त कमी आई है।

पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सुरक्षा बलों द्वारा आतंकवादियों के खिलाफ की गई निरन्तर कार्रवाई के दौरान बड़ी मात्रा में ए० के० राईफलें, राकेट, राकेट लांचर हथगोले पिस्तौल, रिवाल्वर और बारूदी सुरंगों सहित बड़ी मात्रा में शस्त्र तथा गोलाबारूद बरामद किया गया है। इस वर्ष जून माह तक, सुरक्षा बलों द्वारा की गई बरामदगी में बड़ी मात्रा में शस्त्र तथा गोला बारूद और विस्फोटकों सहित लगभग 2016 ए. के. राईफल, 125 मशीनगन, 417 पिस्तौल तथा रिवाल्वर 342 राकेट लांचर, राकेट, इत्यादि, 1356 हथगोले बम और 110 बारूदी सुरंगे, बरामद की गई हैं।

सरकार ने आतंकवादियों पर दबाव तथा सीमा पर चौकसी बढ़ा दी है। आसूचना अभियानों को अधिक गहन किया गया है।

Meeting with Chief Secretaries of North-Eastern States

2164. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have recently held a meeting with the Chief Secretaries of the North Eastern States to discuss infiltration and other border related issues ; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various factors which are responsible for the problem of the large scale influx of Bangladesh nationals and the difficulties faced in tackling the illegal immigration from across the border was discussed by various agencies. A multidimensional approach adopted to deal with the grave problem *Inter-alia* includes (i) strengthening of the BSF (ii) Construction for barbed wire fencing and roads along the border ; (iii) augmenting the strength of the